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**14 OCT 2003**

Mr. Keith Takata, Director  
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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region IX  
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Dear Mr. Takata:

Subj: OAHU SUGAR COMPANY SITE AT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL  
COMPLEX

Thank you for your letter on this subject which we received on October 6, 2003. The Navy shares your concerns regarding dioxin contamination on the property at Waipio Peninsula formerly operated by Oahu Sugar.

Accordingly, the Navy met with Oahu Sugar personnel, as well as State Department of Health and EPA Region IX staff on October 2. At that time the Navy communicated its position that because the property in question had been under Oahu Sugar cultivation, exclusive use, and occupancy during the period when the dioxin contamination occurred, Oahu Sugar should bear the primary responsibility for, at a minimum, taking interim measures to address any imminent and substantial endangerment posed by the Oahu Sugar site. Oahu Sugar personnel agreed to explore in conjunction with their consultant, Brewer Environmental Services, Inc., interim measure options which would address the imminent and substantial endangerment posed by the site.

If you have any questions, please have your legal counsel contact Mr. Randy Young at (808) 474-5514. For technical questions, please contact Mr. Leighton Wong at (808) 472-1417.

Sincerely,

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